

Laura Green. 5 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1839.

My dear Caroline,

As this is the first day of the great-postage, I cannot forbear writing, in order to inquire on what day I am to expect you; though I think it probable you may be taking the same great's worth of opportunity to give me all the information I require about your visit and other matters.

Since I answered yours of 21<sup>th</sup>, I have thought it likely you left out the word "him" after "advised" in your quotation from M<sup>r</sup>. Dobbs' letter to M<sup>r</sup>. Mancur, as reported by your uncle. This would make the passage sense; and agree with your uncle's words, in a parenthesis — ("Dobbs has written to C") — but that fact, if one it is, you have denied by saying no letter, in answer to mine, has been received by you. I suspect you have not been so ~~much~~ nice in your language, or in your copying, as you would be in the making of a cog to a wheel, or of a screw. I still fear, without any abatement, that Mancur has much exaggerated your prospect; and I still remain of opinion that, whether he has or has not, you must not proceed to Aix la Chapelle until after a few months time, according to the letter from



M<sup>r</sup> Dobbs — indeed not before he shall sanction it.

Whatever news there may be for you in this part of the world need not be now written — it will not grow stale before you arrive.

Love and remembrances to aunt and uncle.

Your affectionate father,

Chas. Brown.

Should you go round by London, let me know. Unless necessary, I hope not, as it must be the more expensive way. The Brunswick has been advertising to go once a week during the winter; but, possibly, only in case they have passengers or goods enough to make it answer.







